

FISCAL NOTE

SB 922 - HB 1918

March 14, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes counties to establish vote centers which would allow registered voters of that county to vote at any vote center in the county irrespective of the voter's precinct. A county election commission may establish a program which allows the county to combine precincts or establish one or more vote centers for any election. If vote centers are used, precinct polling places shall not be used in the election. County election commissions shall publish in a newspaper the location of the vote center and mail to each voter whose polling place is changed a notice of the voter's new vote center location.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Net Impact - Exceeds \$100,000
Statewide/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- Since the bill would allow but would not require counties to adopt this plan, the number of counties that would choose to adopt this plan cannot be determined.
- The increased cost to each county would differ due to the number of registered voters, the number of necessary vote centers, and any improvements in technology that need to be made.
- It is estimated that local government expenditures would increase in some counties choosing this plan and could also decrease in other counties. (For example, Monroe County would have an increased cost of \$7,435; Sumner County would have an increased cost of \$79,750; and Stewart County would have a decrease in cost of \$680.) However, the net increase in local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director